



Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry
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Highway 58

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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist

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RE: OSTER/LAS PILITAS QUARRY, DRC2009-00025 DEIR COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Our family home is located at 4292 Calf Canyon Road (Hwy 58). The market in Santa Margarita is where I get my groceries, Tina's is where I get my breakfast, and I have been attending the Santa Margarita Catholic Church for nearly thirty-five years. I appreciate the lovely couple of

mile drive from my home to the village. I travel quite a bit and so I know there is nothing like Santa Margarita anywhere. Santa Margarita is an intact example of an historic early California rural village. It is virtually unchanged since 1889. It is listed in weekend antiquing guides, it serves as a brief way station for thirsty cyclists, it is one of the few remainders of a calmer, unindustrialized way of life. In Santa Margarita life is quiet but history is loud. It was one of the original stops on Father Serra's missions as he moved north.

There are so many sincere and valid concerns about this proposed quarry project I barely know where to begin. I know it is your duty to consider comments from the community, and I would ask you to please focus on what would be lost in the way of established character and livability if this quarry were allowed to proceed as planned.

Please ask the planning board to consider the less obvious, non-monetary, but deeply important character and compatibility aspects of industrial activity overwhelming this tiny community for the next fifty years. Putting Santa Margarita in the middle of the hauling of heavy gravel trucks all day long will without a doubt kill this community. The village will be turned into one big trucker pit stop. I'm not being hyperbolic – it will destroy everything that Santa Margarita is and everything it has ever been. Please take a drive over here and have a coffee at The Porch and you will see the enormity of the change that is being proposed to the character and nature of this town, and you will appreciate what will happen when it is overtaken by hundreds of gravel trucks with their noise, emissions, dust, and lack of connection to the community.

Please take a moment to explain to me how the destruction of the character of Santa Margarita might be mitigated? I cannot see how that is possible. Please let me know what Las Pilitas intends to do to stop their truckers from lingering around on the main street, idling their engines, polluting our air, creating noise, as well as a hazard for our school children? What seems clear is that our little charming village is about to become an industrial truck stop.

I'll look forward to hearing from you. Send mail to: 7 Cheshire Court, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Best,

Eileen Serra